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CHINESE ORTHODOX PRIEST OFFICIATES AT SON'S WEDDING

In St.Nicholas Russian Orthodox church, Seattle,Wash., Michael Wen, son of USA's on known Chinese priest of the Russian Orthodox Church, was wed to Helen Li, a former Buddhist. The two had met in Hong Kong five years ago. The Wedding Service was su in Chinese by Father Wen. RNS Photo

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AROUND THE WORLD WITH THE CHURCH

FOREIGN

RLD COUNCIL RESETTLED 11,729 DURING 1959. The Inter-Church Aid and Service efugees, of the World Council of Churches, resettled 11,729 refugees and migrants in some ifferent countries during 1959.

ing the ten year span, from 1948 to 1959, the WCC agency found new homes for a grand total 19,415 refugees in 78 countries. To accomplish this task, the WCC employees a refugee vice field staff of over 500 persons. In spite of this, a caseload of 60,000 refugees from 25 ntries is still being administered to thru the media of vocational training, camps, medical and outright grants of food and clothing.

example of this resettlement program is shown in the establishment of a new home in amata, southern Greece, by the WCC. This new home is the first major project of its kind reece which provides for permanent resettlement of refugees. All forty of the present occu- ts - Albanians, Bulgarians, Yugoslavs - had previously been rejected for resettlement in r countries; only Greece would accept them. The home will be administered by a Founda- , established by Royal Decree, of which the Metropolitan of Messina is president. As the odox Bishop of Kalamata said: 'The World Council of Churches deserves every credit and r because, in cooperation with the United Nations, it represents the love of the churches...'

Such refugee homes provide otherwise homeless and nationless peoples with a new life and hope. That the World Council should have accomplished such a great work readily proves that it is the hope of the world for unity among religious denominations of the Christian Faith. - ED.

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RLD COUNCIL AWARDS ECUMENICAL SCHOLARSHIPS TO 135 STUDENTS. In ther striking example of effective Christian Fellowship among member churches, the World ncil of Churches has given 135 students from 31 countries the opportunity to study in semin- s, colleges, and universities in 11 different countries.

in its 13th year, the programme is designed to give a broader knowledge of the life of other rches in other countries to theological students, young pastors, religious education special- , and other youth preparing for work in the church. In all, more than 1800 such students have icipated in the programme since 1947. Students from the Greek Orthodox Church have been ng the participants from the some 14 inter-national denominations.

WORLD REFUGEE YEAR AND THE CHURCH WORLD SERVICE. The World R
Year, in which 61 countries are participating, began July 1st,1959 and runs thru June 30th,1
The idea for it was approved in the United Nations, Dec.8th,1959, by a vote of 59 to 9. Its
pose: a.To focus interest on the refugee problem and encourage governmental, financial
b.to make opportunities for permanent refugee resettlement on a pure, humanitarian basis

Today, thruout the world, there are millions of 'displaced nationals' and refugees, who a
awaiting support during this 'World Refugee Year'. The Church World Service, which is
agency of the National Council of Churches, was formed May 1st, 1946; it is a world-wide
united service agency for the Protestant and Eastern Orthodox Churches of the United Sta
As an example of what the CWS has accomplished, the following facts are given: Since 194
CWS has aided in resettling 106,000 refugees in the U.S.A.; in 1959, alone, the CWS ship
more than 350,000,000 pounds of relief supplies to beleagured peoples overseas, of which
was food; the value,of this vast supplying of the destitute, came to $25,778,359.

- In spite of the monumental work being done to aid the 'unfortunates' of the world, a la
potential group face virtual 'living death', due to no help ever coming to them. Include
in this group are the 19,000 'hard-core' refugees still living in camps in Europe; the
1,000,000 Palestine refugees trapped just outside Israel; another 200,000 Algerians t
are caught on the borderlands of Tunisia and Morocco; 700,000 refugees huddled with
Hong Kong, with no escape or rescue; 10,000 White Russians on the Chinese mainland
3,250,000 refugees in Calcutta. The refugee has become the symbol of the 20th Cent
a symbol of suspicion,distrust,disease,prejudice, rampant nationalism, struggle for p
and hope eternal. - ED.

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ADEQUATE WATER SUPPLIES ARE THE BASIS FOR ALL HUMAN PROGRI
Polluted water is the world's #1 health problem, according to the World Health Organizati
To overcome this problem, governments all over the world are racing against time to dev
new sources of water that are safe and adequate for the 'exploding' population of the worl

In the January issue of 'Economic World', a concise analysis of the search for fresh wate
all areas of the world, is given important emphasis. For instance, United States had a da
water consumption in 1900 of 40 billion gallons; today it is 250 billion gallons; twenty yea
from now it will be 600 billion gallons daily; and, worst of all, within twenty years the fre
water supply will have become this nation's #1 domestic problem.

The earth's surface is three-fourths covered by water - an estimated 352 trillion gallon
problem is how to 'desalt' it. Intensive research has proven that it is scientifically possi
obtain fresh water from the ocean at a cost of about 10¢ per 1000 gallons; this compares w
cost of 30¢ to 70¢ for domestic water production, today, per 1000 gallons. The U.S. Office
Saline Water, Dep't. of Interior, is starting construction this year on five demonstration p
in different parts of the country - three for converting sea water and two for converting
ish water.

A world-wide break-through in 'desalting' techniques would allow a fantastic development
existing wastelands, which could well blossom into rich, irrigated farmland. Of the total
acreage of land surfaces of the world, only 3.3 billion acres are presently under cultivatio
with an additional 11 billion acres being in a desert or semi-desert condition. Such a devel
ment could satisfy the economic growth and food needs of destitute millions of humans, a
thereby create a golden era of human progress.

- Satisfying Man's needs,for economic growth, health, diet, education and cultural achie
ment, can hasten the day of better human understanding, as well as the Spiritual Fulfi
ment of his destiny. When men can reason together, as economic and cultural 'equals'
the day of universal, spiritual 'awakening' is at hand. - ED.

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RRIED, LUTHERAN MINISTER BECOMES ROMAN PRIEST. Olav Roerdam Bonne-, 54, is being ordained as a Roman Catholic priest by Bishop Johannes Theodor Suhr, O.S.B. Copenhagen.

rmerly a Lutheran pastor for some 12 years in North Jutland, Rev. Bonnevie was converted Romanism in 1945. His wife and daughter were also converted at the same time. He will ve as a curate in St. Therese's Parish in suburban Hellerup, as well as continuing in his acity at Copenhagen's Catholic Inquiry Center, which he helped found.

In recent years, Rome has been allowing married men to become priests (i.e.-converts): since the last war, about a half dozen former Lutheran ministers alone have been so ordained. The Eastern Rite (former Orthodox) priests also are allowed to be married, except, of course, in the U.S., where Rome is trying to stamp out that apostolic practice. Rome has always claimed that She will allow so-called 'separated brethren' to retain their ancient traditions, if they will only 'unite' with Rome. In practice, however, Rome only allows Herself to keep Her word for a generation or two and then surreptiously goes back on that promise and introduces Latin practices, such as celibacy, into the unsuspecting and trusting 'uniates'. Such deceit is considered Christian, of course.-ED.

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ME HOLDS FIRST LOCAL SYNOD IN 500 YEARS. The first meeting of the Synod he Diocese of Rome of the Roman Catholic Church was held early this month; it was the st such Synod in more than 500 years.

r 800 members of the Roman clergy met for the week-long session and made recommenda-s in nearly 800 articles which constitute a disciplinary code covering every activity connec-with the duties of the priesthood and the propagation of the faith. (Note:-Usually such recom-ndations are adopted by every other diocese in the world, in due course. Actually, they apply cifically to Rome alone and have to be approved by the Pope before becoming official.-ED)

e John spoke at the opening session and said that the traditions of Rome must be preserved ll new decrees enacted, but with rephrasing. He also said that this Synod meeting was ential as a preliminary to the pending Ecumenical Roman Council.

nterest to non-Catholics were a few of the decrees that were 'rephrased and enacted': -
a. All laity are forbidden to read any publications inspired by Protestants, illuminists, exis-tentialists, atheists, or materialists.
b. All laity are forbidden to take part in any services, sermons, or discussions of non-Cath-olic cults.
c. All laity are forbidden, under pain of excommunication, of voting for any political party or individual that promotes heretical principles or doctrines.

In reading just these three 'enactments', one can readily see that, since Rome considers Protestants and Jews as heretics, a 'good' Roman Catholic cannot vote for a Protestant or Jew; in addition, the Vatican openly shows that intolerance of other groups is only hidden under a thin veil of pretence, ready to be discarded at any crisis of political or social-religious nature. - ED.

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TRIARCH ATHENAGORAS WRITES POPE JOHN CONCERNING COUNCIL. Replying message, sent him by the Pope last Christmas, Patriarch Athenagoras of Istanbul has in-med the Pope, by letter, that he will call an all-Orthodox Synod, probably in September, to ermine to what extent that the Eastern Orthodox Church will be willing to participate in the menical' council that has been announced by the Pope.

Pope has appealed to the Patriarch to contribute to Christian unity; the Patriarch replied would not turn a deaf ear to the plea, but that a distinction between 'unity' and 'union' must understood.

The Pan-Orthodox meeting will be the first such gathering since 1921. It will bring together only the Orthodox national bodies, but also the Armenian, Jacobite, Copt, Ethiopian and Old Catholic Churches.

Following receipt of the Patriarch's letter, Pope John announced to an audience of the Central Committee of Italian Catholic Action, meeting in Vatican City, that he was opposed to discussions of any differences existing between Catholic and non-Catholic Churches at the proposed 'ecumenical council'. He said that while he desired to see reunion, that he would not agree to any public debating of the issues, as they would 'not solve anything'. In his words: 'If the separated brothers (Protestant and Orthodox) wish to do something concrete about the desire for unity.....We can say to them... This is your house; this is the house of those who bear the sign of Christ'.(The Pope here had reference to the Catholic Church)

- It is quite evident that the Vatican never intended to hold a true 'ecumenical' meeting, but only one dominated by Roman thought. It is unfortunate. - ED.

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RUSSIAN SCIENTIST SAYS THAT SPACEMEN BOMBED SODOM. A space-age twist to the ancient story of Sodom and Gomorrah was seriously advanced in Moscow by a Russian Master of Physico-mathematical Sciences. His version of the Biblical tale, published in a literary gazette, reads like a science thriller.

Mr. Agrest said that instead of 'fire and brimstone', Sodom and Gomorrah may have been destroyed by a nuclear explosion set off by visitors from outer space. The scientist further theorized that the Baalbek Terrace (a platform of huge stone slabs in the Anti-Lebanon mountains of Syria) could well have been used as a launching platform for the outer space vehicles.

Citing the Dead Sea Scrolls, Mr. Agrest said that 'the description they gave of the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah cannot help but attract the attention of modern men who are familiar with nuclear physics'. He also pointed out that glassy bodies, called tekkites, have been found in the Libyan desert and that they contain radioactive isotypes of aluminum and beryllium at least a million years old, as well as other products of extremely high temperatures. These may well be traces of pre-historic spacemen's vehicles or missiles, he said.

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TRUJILLO ACCUSES ROMAN BISHOPS' CRITICISM AS BEING INSINCERE. The Dominican government of General Trujillo said that the recent condemnation of the government by the Roman Catholic Bishops of the country was insincere.

In elaborating on details of the insincerity of the Bishops, government spokesmen stated that the real reason for the recent criticism by the Bishops was due to their dissatisfaction with the government's policy of tolerance toward Protestant activities. That the Bishops' criticism was, in reality, nothing more than their way of getting even.

To back up the counter-charge, the government revealed a letter, dated Sept.1958, in which Msgr.Reilly of San Juan, Dominican Republic, wrote to the American Ambassador protesting 'the arrogant and offensive propaganda of these so-called reputable Protestant groups' that are functioning in the Dominican Republic; the good prelate practically accused the Embassy of giving 'prestige' to the work of these'heretics'.

- The Dominican Republic is 90% Roman Catholic and the government has built all Catholic churches there in the last 30 years; in addition, the government supplies two million dollars a year to the support of the Roman Church. The Church, in return for this money has kept tacit silence thruout the years of the rule of the Trujillo dictatorship. Fearing an upswing in Protestant activity, however, the Church is endeavoring to put pressure on the government in an attempt to force 'official, governmental measures' against Protestants. This has been a common practice in Spain, Colombia and other Latin countries.

HOLIC CHURCH CHARGED WITH 'POLITICAL INTERFERENCE' BY FILIPINO. tor Claro M. Recto charged, in a speech in Iloilo City, P.I., that the Roman Catholic rch was 'plotting, thru political interferences, to acquire control of public affairs and blish a theocratic state'.

senator made the indictment on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Philippine stitution, in a speech at the Central Philippine University. He warned that unless the archy withdraws their plan that the Philippines will 'eventually find itself sucked into the strom of a religious-political war'.

to be deplored that in recent years the most numerous Church in this country, not satld with the hold it has on the fealty of four-fifths of the nation - a hold no government ever enjoyed - has made use of its privileged position by demanding from candidates ublic office, particularly elective ones, certain religious tests and pledges of allegiance', the senator.

oncluded by charging that the purpose of this intrigue 'is to gain control of public affairs set up a theocratic state,...the most dangerous form of absolutism'.

Feudalism, a system of serfdom, was based on fealty or absolute homage that, thereby, complete exploitation of the public could take place - Communism, another form of 'absolutism', also develops a similar type of society under a variation of the same basic principles. - ED.

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58 CHRISTIANS REPORTED IN JAPAN. Latest statistics, released in Tokyo, show there are presently some 678,258 Christians in Japan; this is a gain of about 35,000 over 958 census.

rding to the Japanese-language Christian Year Book for 1960, these include 376,267 adher- to the Protestant churches; 266,608 to the Roman Catholic Church; and 35,293 to the ern Orthodox Church.

baptisms were revealed at 19,655 for Protestants; 19,123 for Catholics; and 409 for the ern Orthodox.

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CATHOLICS SEEK RAPPROCHEMENT WITH ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE. International Conference of Old Catholic Bishops has been reported by the Ecumenical s Service as seeking a positive rapprochement with the Eastern Orthodox Churches thru ood offices of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

eport was based on a statement made by Archbishop Andreas Rinkel of Utrecht to the l of the Old Catholic Church in the Netherlands. The archbishop called for and predicted ger ties, also, between Old Catholics and Anglicans and advocated calling a conference een the bishops of those two communions.

In 1957, at the 17th International Congress of the Old Catholic Churches, the archbishop had declared that the ecumenical task of the Old Catholic Churches was to be 'a living witness to God in Jesus Christ, in accordance with the Catholic faith as exemplified in the undivided Church of the early Christian centuries, and particularly in unity with Anglicansm and Eastern Orthodoxy'.

The Old Catholic Churches established intercommunion with the Anglican Churches in 1931. Neither body, of course, recognizes the Pope. - ED.

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LUTHER'S WORKS APPEARING IN EIGHT LANGUAGES IN NEW VERSION. N translations of the writings of Martin Luther are being done in Finnish, German, French, Spanish, Swedish, Japanese, English and Hebrew.

According to an announcement, by the Lutheran World Federation in Geneva, the French, ish, Japanese and Hebrew versions will be the first such ever done in those tongues.

As an example of the extensiveness of the great Reformer's writings, the German edition have over 100 volumes and the American edition will have 55 volumes.

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ISRAELI PRESIDENT VISITS ORTHODOX MONASTERY. President Itzhak Ben-Zvi among the first visitors to the Greek Orthodox Monastery of the Holy Cross. The monaste had been seized by Israel during the Israeli-Arab conflict, but was recently turned back t monks.

The monastery is situated in a beautiful olive grove under the hill on which the modern H University stands in Jerusalem. The ancient monastery had been built in the 4th century Georgian monks on the traditional site where Lot planted the tree, from which, according legend, Christ's Cross was hewn. The Georgians then turned the building over to the Gr in the 6th century to staff.

During the Arab-Israeli hostilities, one monk remained in the huge building to guard the historic frescoes, which are a constant source of attraction to visitors and pilgrims.

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ORTHODOX PRELATES DIE. Two prominent Eastern Orthodox prelates died last mo one in Russia and the other in Serbia.

Catholicos Melchisedek III, head of the Orthodox Church in the Georgian Soviet Socialist Republic, died in Tbilisi at the age of 88. He had been Catholicos since April, 1952.

Bishop Simeon Stankovic of Sabac, Western Serbia, passed away of a heart attack at the a 74. He was widely known for his theological writings and had been professor of theology faculty in Belgrade prior to being appointed as Bishop of Mostar in Herzegovina in 1931 a then Bishop of Sabac in 1934. Patriarch German of the Serbian Orthodox Church presided the funeral rites.

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GREEK SYNOD SUMMONS SPECIAL ASSEMBLY OF BISHOPS. All 58 bishops of Orthodox Church of Greece have been notified of a special Assembly to be held May 4th i Athens. The call came from the Church's Holy Synod at the request of the Greek Ministry Cults.

Topics on the agenda were reported as including: nomination of new bishops to fill eight vacant Metropolitan Sees; naming of candidates, for future election to bishoprics, from t ranks of the Archimandrites; and discussion of the government bill amending the Church' constitution.

The vacant Metropolitanates are those of Fthiotis, Larissa, Kassandra, Ierissos and Mt. Grevena, Paronaxia, Triphylea, and Lemnos.

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NEW GREEK ORTHODOX BISHOP CONSECRATED. Archimandrite Anatolios Geor was consecrated in Athens as Archbishop of Tiberias in Israel. The See is under the jur tion of the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem.

iding at the ceremony in the Athens Cathedral was Archbishop Theoklitos of Athens, head e Greek Church, assisted by four bishops.

nerly serving in Athens as Exarch of the Patriarchate of Jerusalem, Archbishop Anatolios scheduled to leave Greece shortly to assume his new duties. He will make his headquarters e Jerusalem Patriarchate.

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RIARCH ATHENAGORAS TO VISIT ATHENS IN LATE SPRING. Ecumenical arch Athenagoras will visit Greece in May or June of this year, according to a report d by the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Istanbul.

rip of the Patriarch will be a courtesy visit, returning one made to him last year by ishop Theoklitos of Athens and All Greece.

g his stay in Greece, Patriarch Athenagoras will make a trip to his native village of likon, near Ioannina, where he was born in 1886.

ast visit ever made by a Patriarch to Greece was in 1947 when Maximus V went there.

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NONITES ACTIVE IN GREECE WITH GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH. In an le in the January 26th,1960, issue of 'The Mennonite', a report is given of the related ities in Greece of the Orthodox and Mennonite Churches.

report, which was based on an evaluation by Peter Dyck of the Mennonite Church, states 5% of the eight million people of Greece are Greek Orthodox, with 3% being Moslem bout 2% Evangelicals, Catholics,Jews and others.

yck emphasized that in Greece there is union of state and church; and that the law pro- for freedom of religion, but not freedom to proselytize. In analysis, this means that,if ividual comes to a church for spiritual help and becomes converted, this is within the

Mennonites reported that the Greek Orthodox Church allowed their missionaries to freely the Bible among the Orthodox people. Why did they do this? They quote Professor Ioan- es as saying: 'You would not teach against the Church, would you? To study the Bible er, you may do.' In doing this work, the Greek Church appointed a liaison person to work he Mennonite team, as a living contact between it and the Church. Due to this liaison per- Mennonite Sunday School material has already been translated into Greek and is being in the Greek Orthodox Sunday School.

Besides such foreign mission work by Protestants in the Bible field among the Greeks, he Greek Orthodox Church has, itself, developed a movement, known as Zoe, or 'New Life'. The Zoe - brotherhood of theologians - works in various sectors of mission rogram (i.e.-preaching,worship,administration of sacraments,etc.); it has 2,500 Sun- ay Schools with 140,000 pupils; 900 Christian pupil' groups with 10,000 members; and ,550 Bible Study or discussion groups with 23,500 members. - ED.

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ENIAN CLERGY DEPORTED BY JORDAN. Last month saw the forcible seizure ree Armenian clergy and their expulsion from Jordan by officials of that Hashemite dom.

hree clergymen were Bishop Shnorhk Kalustian, former Primate of California; the rend Father Torkom Manougian, former Pastor of the Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic ch of Philadelphia,Pa., and Vicar-General of New York; and Very Reverend Vasken ezian.

No explanation was given for their deportation, nor were they allowed to communicate with their respective consulates. The first two clergy are U.S. citizens and the third is a citize of Lebanon.

Bishop Papken, spiritual leader of the Armenian Community in California, said that the sa treatment had been accorded the Patriarch* of their Church some time ago. He is now in In

*The Patriarch-elect, who was so deported, was Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan. - ED.

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ORTHODOX PRIEST GIVES RECITAL IN EDMONTON, CANADA. The Reverend Ambrose Giannoukos of St.George Greek Orthodox parish, Edmonton, Canada, gave a piano recital last month at the University of Alberta under the sponsorship of the Greek Orthodo Ilarion Club of the University.

The concert consisted largely of compositions by Frangopoulos, Kalomiris and Skalkotas. On two other occasions, Father Ambrose has also given recitals on the organ.

A graduate of Duquesne University and the Carnegie Institute of Technology, Father Giann kos matriculated at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Seminary, after serving five years as a pu lic school teacher in Pittsburgh. Since graduation he has been pastor of St.George Church six years.

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WORLD COUNCIL REPORTS CLOSER CONTACTS WITH ROMAN CATHOLICS. Executive Committee of the World Council of Churches, meeting in Buenos Aires, reporte increasing contacts with Roman Catholic experts in the discussion of unity.

Dr.Visser 't Hooft, general secretary of the WCC, said 'I am personally convinced that it good to have these informal relations. We need a great deal of frank speech on questions where we do not see eye to eye, for example, on religious liberty. We want to discuss thes matters with Roman Catholics, but it is better to do so in small groups, rather than in son sort of great public debate.'

The Committee also outlined steps for improved relations with the Russian Orthodox Chur as well as other Christian bodies within the Soviet. Arrangements for bringing young Chri students from Russia, to study at the Ecumenical Institute at Bossey(near Geneva), were a discussed.

Announcement of the coming Third Assembly of the WCC, to meet in New Delhi, India, Nov 18-Dec.5th, 1961, was further amplified by the Committee by their pointing out that some 1,000 persons are expected to attend that Assembly. The main events of the Assembly to b held in the Vigynan Bhavan Conference Hall. Features of the Assembly will be regular mo ing Bible studies for all participants, as well as public discussions and addresses and sha of the many types of worship services peculiar to the varying bodies belonging to the WCC Perhaps one of the most important subjects on the agenda will be the proposed merger of WCC with the International Missionary Council.

Details of the design of the new headquarters building of the WCC in Geneva were given th final approval by the Committee. Costing some $2,500,000, the modern 200-office unit str ture is expected to get under way during the current year. Rising three stories, on an $8\frac{1}{2}$ a site at Grand Saconnex, a suburb of Geneva, the building will house not only the WCC staff also the Lutheran World Federation, the Presbyterian Alliance, and other related WCC bo The most prominent feature of the headquarters will be the centrally located chapel, desig to seat 500. Funds already raised total $1,524,000. A gift of $210,000, in memory of the T.J.Watson of I.B.M., will provide for the erection of a one story 'L' shaped, library build which will hold 30,000 volumes, along with ample reading and study rooms.

K COMMUNITY ESTABLISHED IN VENEZUELA. More than 1,000 first-generation
s, located in Caracas, Venezuela, have recently been organized into a formal Greek
dox Community for both religious and cultural purposes. This is the first such Community
uezuela.

y Archbishop Iakovos, Father Eusebius Stephanou arrived in Caracas last Spring and
ered that the Russian Orthodox Churches had been serving the needs of the Greeks over
ars. He celebrated his first two Sunday Liturgies in St.Nicholas Russian Church at an
hour, before the Slavonic services. As attendance was poor, he learned that no one knew
presence in the city and that mail notification was difficult due to the fact that many of
reets had no names, let alone numbers. In spite of these handicaps, Father Stephanou was
o initiate a movement among the Greeks to raise funds for the eventual procuring of a
rty. He then returned to the U.S. with the understanding that he would be back within a few
s.

Father Stephanou again returned to Caracas last Fall, he found that the 'Greek Associa-
f Venezuela' had rented a large home as a social center. Reviving new interest, once
he established a temporary chapel in the house and supervised it being equipped with
and other essential articles necessary for the worship life. Within a few weeks a general
bly of the Community set up a building fund committee, which collected an initial 200,000
rs. After three months of consolidating the work of the Community, Father Stephanou
again returned to the U.S. Providing of a permanent priest will be the task of the Arch-
e, which has always experienced a severe shortage of priests for North America,too.

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LI CAVE YIELDS TWO BIBLICAL SCROLL FRAGMENTS. Israeli archaeolog-
nnounced in Jerusalem that two fragments of ancient Biblical scrolls had been found in
overlooking the Dead Sea.

hanan Aharoni, a lecturer at Jerusalems' Hebrew University, said he believes there are
more such writings hidden in the area. The fragments are the first ever discovered in
rael section of the Dead Sea, the others, previously found, were in the Jordan sector.

wo papyrus fragments contained 16 verses from the 13th chapter of Exodus and were a
of Jewish phylacteries used in rituals. Each had 11 rows of Hebrew script in the same
as in the Dead Sea Scrolls.

aves are located 660 feet up the face of a sheer limestone cliff, which had to be scaled
opes. The cliff is one side of wild Nahal Tse-Elim Canyon, which lies north from Mas-
the last stronghold in the Jewish war against Titus(79-81 A.D.). Dr. Aharoni advanced
eory that the last of Bar Kochba's rebels took refuge there, where they and their des-
nts held out for nearly 100 years.

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ENIAN PRIMATE VISITS TORONTO PARISH. His Grace Sion Archbishop Manougian
ed in Toronto recently on a formal visit to the local Armenian Community, which was
rating its 6th anniversary of the consecration of the church.

Primate officiated at various Services, as well as meeting dignitaries of the City and of
nglican Church. In his major address at a formal banquet, the Prelate stressed that the
See of Etchmiadzin (Soviet Armenia) had been a bastion of the Faith from the early days
ristianity and was eternally the hearth of the Armenian culture.

The Primate also visited the Montreal Armenian Community, where he ordained six new
deacons for the Church.

Etchmiadzin recently announced that the Seminary of that See would, henceforth, receive
t least fifteen young students from the Armenian Dispersion. Candidates to be 15-17 years
of age and of good character with a sincere calling to the ministry. They would pursue a
study course of some six years and would receive all-expense trips to see their families
very two to three years. - ED.

RELIGIOUS REMARKABLES - - - By Scheel

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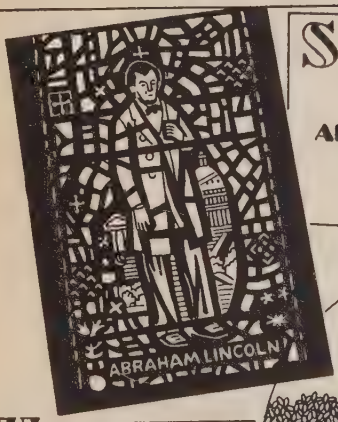

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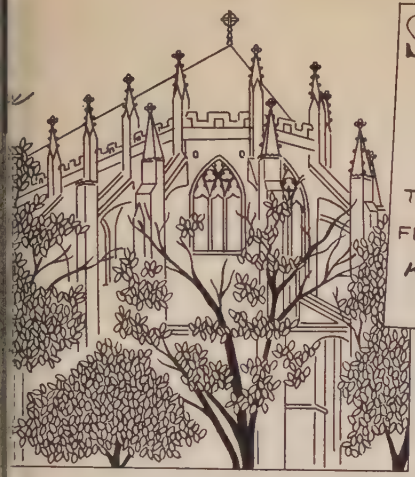
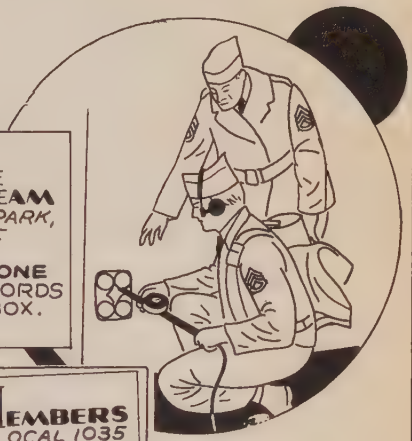
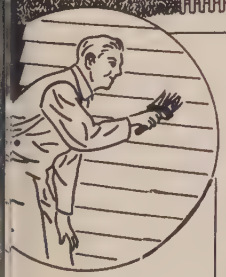


STONE FOR THE PULPIT OF WASHINGTON CATHEDRAL, D.C., CAME FROM ENGLAND'S **CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL;** THE ALTAR BLOCKS WERE HEWN FROM THE QUARRY THAT SUPPLIED **KING SOLOMON'S TEMPLE.**



AN ARMY MINE DETECTION TEAM HELPED AN ASBURY PARK, N.J. SYNAGOGUE **LOCATE ITS MISSING CONERSTONE** CONTAINING EARLY RECORDS SEALED IN A METAL BOX.

MEMBERS OF LOCAL 1035 OF THE PAINTERS UNION **DONATED THEIR TIME TO PAINT THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION,** JAMAICA, N.Y.



DENMARK HAS A SOCCER TEAM **COMPOSED ENTIRELY OF PROTESTANT PASTORS.**

Religious News Service Scheel

DOMESTIC

AIR FORCE MANUALS HAVE ATTACKED PROTESTANTS FOR TEN YEARS. It has been learned in Washington, D.C. that derogatory material concerning alleged Commu infiltration of member bodies of the National Council of Churches has been appearing in Air Force security manuals thruout the last ten years. (Note: member bodies of the NCC inclu Protestant and Eastern Orthodox Churches, but NOT Roman Catholic - ED.)

The first such attack came in Sept. 1950 in a 173-page manual entitled 'Guide for Security Indoctrination'; this manual was an outgrowth of the late Senator McCarthy's 'ferreting-c campaign against 'fictitious security risks', for which he was censured by the U.S.Senate. revised version of this same 'security' manual was issued in 1955.

The latest 'training manual', issued in January,1960, prompted a house-cleaning by the off of the Defense Dep't. of all such anti-religious propaganda. The Department also apologiz such un-American attacks and said that Air Force was wrong in saying that the 'public ha right to know' any facts about what is going on, that only such information as the governm wants to release should be allowed to appear in the public press.

- It is interesting to note that the late Senator McCarthy was a Roman Catholic, who wa quite willing to attack both Jews and Protestants. His staff assistant, J.B.Matthews, a a Roman Catholic, was the author of the statement: 'at least 7,000 clergymen in the U are serving the Kremlins' conspiracy'(He was fired for this statement). In addition, t chairman of the House un-American Activities Committee, Rep.Francis E.Walter(D.- is also a Roman Catholic - he reiterated, even after Defense Dep't. apologies, that t charges were 'true'. One of the primary methods used by Roman Catholics is to caus condemnation to fall on their opposition, that thereby they may 'divide and conquer'.-

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VATICAN ASKS MERCY FOR CHESSMAN - GOVERNOR GIVES REPRIEVE. convicted criminal-kidnapper and rapist, Caryl Chessman, received a last minute repriev of sixty days by the Governor of California, Edmund G.Brown. Mr. Brown is an ardent m ber of the Catholic Church. He granted the reprieve directly following the issuance, by th Vatican, of a plea for 'charity'. Prior to the Vatican appeal, the Governor had stood pat giving any reprieve, shifting the responsibility of such an act of reprieve to the Courts.

The convicted man has been awaiting the gas chamber for 11½ years; the long delay had be brought about by involved legal maneuvering by the condemned man.

In its appeal, the Vatican newspaper stressed that ....'....the Governor....must render acc to God....'

- Roman Catholic candidates for public office have always said that 'never' would they allow the Vatican to 'direct' their judgement in matters affecting the position they hel

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ST. MARY ARMENIAN CHURCH CELEBRATES 10th ANNIVERSARY. Located in Ir ton, N.J., St. Mary's Armenian Church was dedicated January 1st,1950. This year, the chu celebrated its tenth anniversary, on Feb.21st.

Back in 1926, some 130 Armenian families, widely scattered thruout Newark and suburbs;

irst meeting to establish a church; in order to conduct services, till they could procure wn property, the Episcopal Church provided them with space. Finally, in September of Church, parish house and community hall were purchased. These were dedicated in ,1950, by Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan and Bishop Shnork Kaloustian.

esent pastor, the Rev. Mampre Kouzouian, was ordained in February of 1958. He is a e of the Armenian Theological Seminary of Antelias, where he studied five years. He ears of age and is married.

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URGED TO COMPLETE CHAPEL FUND DRIVE. Archbishop Iakovos of the Orthodox Archdiocese has issued a request, urging GOYA (Greek Orthodox Youth of a) to complete its Memorial Chapel Drive by Easter of this year (April 17th).

e best interest of all concerned, I must ask that every immediate priority be given to pel drive, so it may be terminated by Easter,' said the Archbishop's encyclical, in part. explained that the Chapel is badly needed at the Theological School at Brookline,Mass., t he desires to see the ground-breaking this coming Spring.

morial Chapel Drive has been in progress for some 13 months, during which time only the anticipated $150,000 has been realized. The Chapel will be in memory of the late shop Michael and will be of Byzantine design.

tistics of the individual Dioceses is as follows:

e	$ to raise	$ on hand	% to date	$ in original quota
.Y.)	29,735	10,265	25.6	40,000
ago)	24,443	15,557	37.9	40,000
on)	4,368	20,632	82.5	25,000
Angeles)	12,993	2,007	13.3	15,000
lotte)	8,512	6,488	43.2	15,000
,Pa.)	10,298	4,702	31.3	15,000

n anticipated 'quota' of $150,000, only $60,737, or 40.5% has been raised.

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T OF EPIPHANY COMMEMORATED IN ORTHODOX RITES. The Feast of the ny, commemorating the baptism of Jesus, was celebrated thruout the world by Eastern dox churches, last month.

pon Springs, Florida, Archbishop Iakovos participated in that city's gala rite, which e 37th annual reenactment of the traditional 'blessing of the waters'. The colorful event nsored by St.Nicholas Orthodox Church of Tarpon Springs and was instituted by the late ishop Alexander, first resident archbishop in the U.S. It was the first time that Iakovos rformed the ceremony, since becoming archbishop last March. Huge crowds usually the annual affair to witness the throwing of the golden cross into the waters of the Gulf, lic of the baptism of the River Jordan.

t Arthur, Texas, nearly 1,000 persons witnessed the 2nd annual observance of a similar ing of the waters' at Pleasure Pier Marina on the Gulf. Co-sponsored by three Greek dox Churches from the area, the event was marked by seven aircraft flying in cross- tion overhead, dropping leaflets explaining the symbolism of the Feast.

he annual Epiphany observance at Tarpon Springs was fully covered by 'Look' magazine, hich will carry a Spring Feature on 'The Eastern Orthodox Church in America'.-ED.

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GREEK ARCHBISHOP TOURS SOUTH AMERICA. Archbishop Iakovos, head of the Archdiocese of North and South America, departed February 1st for a thirty day visit to America and the Greek Orthodox Communities there. In addition, he was scheduled to ap at the World Council of Churches Executive Committee meeting in Buenos Aires, where will participate in their semi-annual deliberations.

Accompanying the prelate is Father Constantine Kazanas of Holy Trinity Cathedral, N.Y. In Buenos Aires, the archbishop will confer with Bishop Irenaeus on the problems confro that Seventh Diocese. The total Greek population of South America is estimated as being neighborhood of 125,000 and is concentrated largely in Brazil, Argentine, Uruguay and C

Inasmuch as many of these Greek people intermarry with the local Latins, the use of Spa in the Liturgy of the Church will eventually become essential. In this direction, Bishop C os of Nyssa, Diocese V (former Patriarchal Vicar), has written a treatise in Spanish: 'L trina de la Inglesia Ortodoxa Crisitana' for these people.

- Reverend Father Pablo DeBalester, former Roman Catholic priest, is now serving t Scranton, Pa., community of the Greek Orthodox Church. He speaks English, Spanish Greek and, altho born in Spain, was converted to Orthodoxy and educated in Halki Se ary. Such priests, perhaps many from Rome, who convert to Orthodoxy, will eventu be called to serve these Latin countries. - ED.

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ORTHODOX CHURCH COUNCIL FORMED IN BUFFALO, N.Y. Five congregation the Orthodox Faith have organized the Buffalo Council of Eastern Orthodox Churches.

Major purpose of the new group is to promote the interests of the Orthodox Faith and to vide a united front for Orthodoxy on religious and secular affairs, said the Very Reveren John E. Pallas, pastor of the Hellenic Orthodox Church of the Annunciation, who was elect president at the council's organization meeting.

Among its specific objectives, he said, will be the promoting of the principles and teachi of Eastern Orthodoxy; advancing the cause of religious education among Orthodox church and encouraging understanding, friendship and sociability of all Orthodox people.

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ROME'S ATTITUDE TOWARD EASTERN ORTHODOXY ON 'REUNION'. In the Ja 1st, 1960 issue of 'The Commonweal', Dom Bede Griffiths, O.S.B. expressed his views on the Eastern Orthodox churches 'fear' from Rome, when the question of 'union' is raised; with this, he presents what he considers some of the ideas of Rome are towards the East bodies.

Amid a diverse rainbow of scattered facts and fables, the good father rambles on about h 'universal' the Roman Church is; however, he mentions hardly a word as to how 'Christ it might be. His opening sentence was perhaps a blunder on his part, but it is the truth: - writes 'It is not easy for a Catholic in the West to realize that the Latin Church is not the Catholic Church...'. (A realization of this fact is, of course, something that Orthodoxy been trying to tell Rome for 1500 years. -ED.)

Dom Bede Griffiths states: '...the great obstacle which keeps the Eastern churches from Rome is their fear of 'Latinization''. He continues: '.....Antioch was the first place where disciples came to be called Christians; it is therefore in a special sense, after Jerusalem Mother of all the churches,...' (Here in two sentences, the Dom contradicts himself; first says that the Eastern Churches fear being 'Latinized'. Then he says Antioch and Jerusale are the 'Mother of all churches'. What Orthodoxy 'fears' is actually not 'Latinization', b abandoning that which Christ and the Apostles gave to the 'Mother Churches'. - namely:- the beauty of the worship given us by the Apostles in the democracy of the 'whole' Church which 'democracy' is infallible - not in an autocracy of a Pope, claimed to be infallible.

on, the Dom has openly admitted that Antioch and Jerusalem are the 'Mother of all the nes'; in this he does credit to what Orthodoxy and history have always set forth, but he amage to his theory in that he admits Rome as being an offspring of an Orthodox Mother.

ll in all, Dom Bede has made more points of truth for Orthodoxy than he graciously tended - but, no matter where you find it, truth is truth. - ED.

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CH CONSTRUCTION SETS ALL-TIME RECORD IN 1959. According to the Cen- ureau, church construction set a new all-time high record of $935,000,000 in 1959.

ssuance of reports in the construction field were transferred late last Fall from the of Commerce to the U.S. Census Bureau. Reason for the change was understood to be the 'unreliability' of the estimates furnished by the construction section of the Dep't. nmerce. The Census Bureau, on the other hand, has a developed technique that has proven reliable in effectively compiling estimated statistical data.

959 increase over 1958 proved to be one of about 8%, in the church construction field. ensus Bureau also issued its prediction that 1960 will see church construction exceed e billion dollar mark for the first time in history.

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SLAVE WHO STARTED A CHURCH'. This caption is carried on an article in eb.4th, 1960 issue of the 'Christian Advocate', a Methodist publication. The article, by a M. Brown, recites how the African Methodist Episcopal Church, now numbering some 801 Negro people, was founded by Richard Allen, who was born a slave.

hundred years ago, on February 14, 1760', so goes the article,'a boy baby was born to a of Benjamin Chew in Philadelphia. He was Richard Allen.' As he matured to manhood, egro slave found himself owned by a new master, who was very humane and who gave n opportunity to obtain his freedom from bondage. Meanwhile, the young man had been ing camp meetings of itinerant Methodist preachers. From them he obtained a fervency rit and faith that was to become his guide thruout his whole life. By the time he was rs of age, he was, himself, preaching sometimes four and five times a day.

3, following the yellow fever plague in Philadelphia, he opened a meeting house of his which he asked Bishop Asbury to dedicate. In establishing this African Methodist Church, rd Allen made few changes in the accepted Methodist doctrine or discipline. In 1816, entatives of many of the colored societies met in Philadelphia to form the African dist Episcopal Church; they elected Richard Allen as Bishop, in which office he served s death. Today, the 'Church that a Slave Started' has 85 Conferences, with more than 01 eachers serving churches, along with 7000 assisting deacons-elders-and evangelists.

he former slave, Bishop Allen, died March 26,1831, and is buried beneath the present lother Church, located on the original property on 6th St., below Pine, in Philadelphia's ominent Society Hill district. - ED.

A TABLE OF LENTEN AND EASTER DATES

Year	Orthodox Lent Begins	Orthodox Easter Falls	Latin Lent Begins	Latin Easter Falls
1960	Feb. 29	April 17	March 2	April 17
1961	Feb. 20	April 9	Feb. 15	April 2
1962	March 12	April 29	March 7	April 22
1963	Feb. 25	April 14	Feb. 27	April 14
1964	March 17	May 3	Feb. 12	March 29
1965	March 8	April 25	March 3	April 18
1966	Feb. 21	April 10	Feb. 23	April 10
1967	March 13	April 30	Feb. 8	March 26
1968	March 3	April 21	Feb. 28	April 14
1969	Feb. 24	April 13	Feb. 19	April 6
1970	March 9	April 26	Feb. 11	March 29

NEW RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL BEING BUILT IN BOSTON. A $350,0
Cathedral of the Russian Orthodox Church is under construction in Boston, Mass. Starte
four months ago, the new structure is expected to surpass any Russian Church, for beaut
in the U.S. Tentative completion date is set for June, 1960.

The architectural plan of the new Cathedral was drawn-up by the well-known architect, M
Constantin A. Pertzoff. The parish committee, headed by Dimitry Bogach, is heavily en
in the raising of the funds to pay for the structure*(*pictured above).

Forty-nine years ago, Rev. Jacob Grigorieff called a meeting of the Russian Orthodox cit
of Boston, at which meeting it was decided to organize a Russian Orthodox parish in that
In 1911, Archbishop Platon consecrated the Holy Trinity Church, which had been located i
Roxbury.

In 1938, Metropolitan Theophilos designated the church to be the Cathedral of New Englan
Known thereafter as Holy Trinity Cathedral, the pride of the Community was stimulated t
dream of a new and grand Cathedral building. To this end, in 1947, a beautifully located pl
was acquired on Park Drive, in Boston. To build such an expensive edifice was a problen
in 1950 the average church attendance was 40 to 60 persons during the Liturgy. Neverthel
by January of 1952 the first part, or lower floor, had been completed; this was consecrate
Archbishop Dimitry as the provisional church.

The attendance at Liturgy increased over the years to an approximate 200; this enabled th
land and preliminary construction costs to be retired by 1956 - a total of $167,000. In 19
the order was issued, by the parish, to complete the remainder of the edifice. The treasu
presently has some $20,000, but the additional balance of $175,000 is being sought thru gi
and subscriptions, as well as memorials.

When completed, the new Cathedral will find itself one among many distinguished instituti
in the immediate area. Nearby are the Museum of Fine Arts, the Gardner Museum, Simn

, Emmanuel College, Teachers College, New England Conservatory of Music, North- University, Boston Opera House, Harvard Medical School, Massachusetts School of enway Ball Park(Boston Red Sox), the Greek Orthodox Cathedral and many other ished centers of education-health-culture-religion.

e parish rolls show only about 150 families registered as active members. Truly a narkable undertaking for such a moderate membership. - ED.

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IT ANGLICAN RELIGIOUS ORDER OPENS FIRST BRANCH IN U.S.A. The al Church of St. John the Divine, New York City, was the scene, last month, of the of the first branch in America of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. Jerusalem. The Order is a religious, military and philanthropic organization. Her , Queen Elizabeth II is its sovereign head.

akehurst, Lord Prior of St. John, presided at the ceremony. Bishop Donegan, who is a llate of the Order, acted as Officiating Chaplain. The sixteen candidates were presen- nvestiture, to the Lord Prior, by Hugh Bullock, an Associate Commander. Kneeling, ght received a neck ribbon with the badge of the Order, and a black mantle emblazoned white cross of Malta.

American branch of the Order intends to devote its charity to the field of ophthalmol- .-ED.

a sidelight in the field of ophthalmology, it is of interest to note that Germany has now uced a machine, which can perform eye-surgery without a single surgical opening of eye. Costing $13,000, the machine works by producing an extremely powerful beam of ., generated by a xenon arc lamp. This 3600 watt beam - brighter than sunlight - is cted into the eye. With the pupil dilated, the beam of light is pinpointed on the exact where surgery is indicated. The high intensity of light causes a coagulation of the ue, on which it is thus focused. By this means, tumors of the iris; detached retinas; other major and minor disorders of the eye can be treated without recourse to the e. Because the eye is not opened surgically with the light coagulator, no anesthesia eeded. - ED.

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ICS REVEAL SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS HAVE LESS CANCER.Medical ers have confirmed that Seventh-day Adventists, whose religion requires them to rom smoking and drinking, have a far lower incidence of lung cancer and heart dis- n those who do not abstain from these practices.

y, conducted by the Sloan-Kettering Institute for Cancer Research,in New York City, at cigarette smoking has a deadly relationship to the type of sudden heart attacks down many middle-aged men in their prime. These attacks are caused by blood clots ddenly form in narrowed coronary arteries; they are a leading cause of death among - 40. The study also revealed that lung cancer is phenomenally lower among non- ..

of many types, including nine of the 12 form that are most common among women, nd to be less frequent among Adventists. The report also shows that for a number diseases, particularly ailments of liver and kidney, a marked difference exists in rates of Adventists and others, which appear to be related to the non-alcoholic the sect.

he saying goes: 'A man is always his own worst enemy'. - ED.

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CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIANS PLAN 'BIRTHPLACE SHRINE'. Plans are comp for final development of the 'Birthplace of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church' as a Sh The $5\frac{1}{2}$ acre site is located in the midst of Montgomery Bell State Park, near Dickson, Te

On February 4th, 1810, Finis Ewing, Samuel McAdow, and Samuel King organized the Cur land Presbyterian Church by seceding from the Presbyterian Church. They did so on the that 'who may hereafter be ordained by this presbytery shall be required,...to receive ar adopt the confession and discipline of the Presbyterian Church (Westminster Confession) except the idea of fatality that seems to be taught under the mysterious doctrine of prede tion'.

The Shrine will consist of a replica of the old McAdow house, a stone chapel, a shelter, driveways, informative markers and a large, cleared, landscaped area for the benefit of thousands of park visitors.

- In addition to the various well-known Presbyterian bodies and the Cumberland Pres terian Church, there is also a smaller body known as the 'Orthodox Presbyterians'.

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HAWAII HAS CHRISTIAN HISTORY OF 140 YEARS. Hawaii has a Christian trad dating back only to 1820, when Congregationalists from New England first arrived in the tropical islands.

With 133 churches and 18,000 members, the Congregationalists still comprise the larges group in a Protestant population of about 60,000. The total population of the islands is ab 640,000, but it is largely Japanese, with 99,000 Hawaiians, 74,000 Caucausians, 65,000 F pinos, and smaller numbers of Orientals of China-Korea-etc.

Only 8 of Hawaii's 28 islands are inhabited, but the island group produces 65% of the tot pineapple production for the world. These islands were originally known as the 'Sandwi Islands' and were discovered by the legendary Captain James Cook in 1778.

The three largest Protestant groups, aside from the Congregationalist, are the Mormon the Episcopalians, and the Methodists. Actually, Hawaii is a Buddhist stronghold and ev claims the only woman Buddhist 'bishop' in the world.

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LUTHERAN SURVEY SHOWS DROP IN 'MIXED MARRIAGES'. Mixed marriages between members of the United Lutheran Church in America and Roman Catholics show decrease, according to a survey issued in N.Y.

Entitled the 'Manifested Life of the Congregation', the report is based on returns from of the 4500 ULCA churches in the U.S. and Canada. The table below gives relative stati

Year	Number of 'Mixed' Marriages	Reported Sex of Lutheran		Wedding Perform	
		Male	Female	Lutheran	Cat
1947	4256	1779	2434	2776	
1953	3517	1275	2147	2195	
1959	3343	1208	1867	2027	

It is interesting to note that 60% of the Lutheran participants in 'mixed' marriages wer the female sex, as compared to about 40% males; but, it is also interesting to note tha Lutheran participant was able to 'draw' his Roman Catholic marriage partner to the Lu Church wedding service by an approximate 65% to 35% for Roman weddings.

The same report stated that the facts also showed that four times as many Roman Cath joined the Lutheran Church, as visa versa. In 1959, for instance, 3566 Roman Catholics

d into the Lutheran Church, with 868 Lutherans becoming Catholic - a 4 to 1 ratio.

Methodist study was done in 1952, and again in 1958, along the lines of 'transfering' of mbership of Methodists to Roman Catholicism and visa versa. This study showed that ost four times as many Roman Catholics becomes Methodists, as Methodists become holics. This corresponds to the approximate ratio of total membership of the two ies: 34.5 million against 9.5 million.

two reasons, most noted, for such membership changes were: 1.Dissatisfaction with efs and practices 2.Marriage. 10% of the Methodists, who became Catholics, so for solving of marriage problems; 55% of the Catholics, who became Methodists, so because of conviction in Protestant beliefs.

ne present ratio of 4 to 1 continues, America is gradually becoming,numerically, more more a Protestant nation. - ED.

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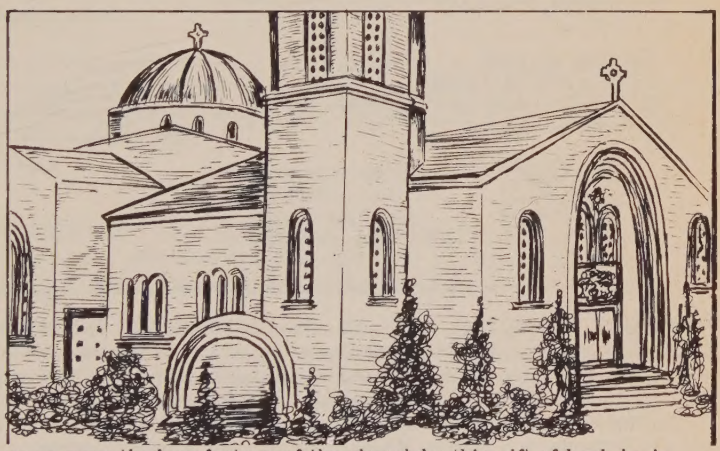
ISHOP IAKOVOS VISITS ST. CATHERINE'S OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLA. hop Iakovos, of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, officiated last month at ceremonies Palm Beach, , during which erine's accept- ift of property ed for the site ool, nursery, ion hall, play- and parking he site takes city blocks djacent to the church.



hbishop was l speaker at et, which was ght of the pro-

Mrs. Samuel Bournas were the benefactors of the church by this gift of land; he is iding founder and incumbent community president. The pastor of the church, the d Father Stephen J. Anthony, was formerly of Somerville, Mass., where he had of the local Greek Church.

rine's was not established until 1954, but is an outstanding example of what a parish n a few short years. Hurricane-proof, sound-proof, air-conditioned, and copper-domed, ern edifice looms like a rare jewel in the tropical setting of West Palm Beach. Some d glass windows depict the life of Christ; in the altar area is still another stained ndow that depicts St.Catherine herself.

Catherine lived more than 1500 years ago in Alexandria,Egypt. She was martyred by peror Maximinus. - ED.

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AND SACRAMENTS OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH. Bishop Shnork Kaloustian ed a valuable presentation of the 'Saints and Sacraments of the Armenian Church' in edition, paper-bound. The collection of,what amounts to be, sermons gives the reader e and practical insight into the thoughts, tradition and teachings of the ancient Armen- rch.

into five parts, the treatise deals successively with the Saints, Sacraments, Holidays,

Fundamental Tenets, and Civic Subjects. Included in the text are such valuable gems as definitions of ecclesiastical terms used in the Armenian Church, and interpretations of symbolisms employed in the worship life of the Church.

● Recognition, of the thoughts of others, is the door to understanding. - ED.

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The Path

You have found the path
Walk, unafraid
Under the heavens
That God has made.

The path is narrow
The Trees are high
Stretching green fingers
Up to the Sky.

There'll be sun and shadow
To pattern the day,
And a star at night
To point the Way.

And, like the wind
In the tall, cool grass,
He will bow down your problems
To let you pass.

He has a purpose
For watching you -
All of the angels
Once were new.

ORTHODOX CHAPLAIN AIDS IN PLACEMENT OF HOMELESS CHILDREN. C
Michael Frimenko, a Russian Orthodox priest assigned as chaplain to Headquarters Batt
2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C., has assumed a role that is somewhat different
that usually experienced by a clergymen, especially one in the Armed Services. He is ai
the military personnel in the adoption of homeless children. Many such couples are chil
and are desirous of a family. His help makes their dream possible.

As reported in the 'Navy Times', Chaplain Frimenko first became interested in such wo
when he was approached by a young Marine couple. They told him how they had vainly tr
adopt a child, on their own, and how they had met with nothing but rebuffs. The priest w
State authorities and received a detailed analysis of how adoption methods could be purs
within a few months the couple had a son of their own, adopted thru the County Agency.

All this happened some two years ago. Since then, Father Frimenko has helped in placi
many children into service personnel homes. He tells that his most delightful memory i
of seeing a set of twins, only two months old, being placed in a Camp Lejeune home, and
he delights in dropping in on them, from time to time, to observe the happiness that it h
brought.

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JANUARY 7th OBSERVED BY RUSSIAN ORTHODOX IN CHRISTMAS RITES.
is born. Glorify Him'. Such is the traditional exchange of greetings among the Russian
dox on their Christmas day, January 7th. Celebrated the world over by the slav peoples
day, the thirteen day differential from December 25th is caused by their continued use o
traditional Julian Calendar for such Feast Days.

On Christmas Eve, one might well see the devout Russian Orthodox family gathering tog
to observe the traditional supper, which commences as soon as the first star appears at

read on the table and also under the icon of the house, in remembrance of the humble e Christ was born. Before the meal is partaken of, however, the head of the family ngle candle in the center of the table to remind his family that Christ is the Light of

Later in the evening, the family departs for the church to participate in the Vigil, ists of two services, the Grand Compline and the Matins. The climax of the first priest blesses the bread,wheat, wine and oil; in the second, it occurs when the ies the Gospel Book, in procession, from the holy altar to the center of the church, g the coming of Christ from heaven to earth. The congregants then come forward e the Gospel and pay homage to God; in this they represent those who journeyed to to pay reverence to the infant Saviour.

dawns, on Christmas Day, the church is filled by all the faithful to participate in Liturgy - especially do the infants partake of Communion, since it is the Feast of esus. After the Service, the custom has it that carolers travel from home to home, nd joy. The festival lasts a full week.

outstanding observance, here in this country, the combined choirs of two Russian ox Churches in Pennsylvania (Altoona and Ganister) presented a special Christmas m over WFBG-TV, Channel 10, at 4:30p.m. on Sunday, January 10th. The choir der the direction of the Very Reverend Father Ivan Ladizinsky, pastor of S.S.Peter ul Russian Church of Altoona.

Ladizinsky is also a lecturer and teacher, having spent time in teaching Russian, er languages, in Berlitz schools, Y.M.C.A.'s, and several mid-western universities. tly, he teaches an evening course in Russian, one day a week, at the Altoona campus Pennsylvania State University. - ED.

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THENAGORAS OFFICIATES AT PRINCETON UNIVERSITY. Bishop Athena- e Greek Orthodox Diocese of New England, officiated early this month at a series and civic observances in and around Princeton University,N.J.

f the three day week-end of February 7th were the prelate's address to the 2,000 instructors of the University; his meeting with the St.Photios Orthodox Club of ty;the opening of the new Greek School building project for the local Greek Ortho- ation Church; and the officiating at the Divine Liturgy in that same church on Sun-

hop was guest of honor, also, at a reception given at the home of Theology School ; attending the reception were Dr. Costas Marinatos, ex-rector of the University nd Prof. Trypanis of Oxford University, England.

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PRIEST STRESSES ORTHODOX VIEWS IN LOCAL NEWSPAPER. The ther Daniel P. Ressetar, of the Russian Orthodox Holy Trinity Church, McAdoo, strong expression of current and traditional Orthodox thought,on 'reunion' with 'Plain Speaker', a Hazleton local newspaper.

Father Ressetar set forth the Orthodox attitude on recent acts by Rome, in lked for Orthodox participation in Her so-called 'ecumenical council'. Quoting nd releases from several sources, the priest gave a lucid and determined refut- words uttered by Bishop Nicholas T. Elko, who heads the Pittsburgh Byzantine te, a Roman Catholic satellite organization. Bishop Elko had said that 'reunion' odoxy and Rome would soon take place.

Ressetar was ordained July, 1958 and is serving his first assignment in McAdoo. y, he was choir master in Cleveland's St. Michael Russian Orthodox Church, directed, also, the combined choirs of all Orthodox participating bodies, each Orthodox Sunday; he also was the first editor, there, of the 'Orthodox Spirit'.

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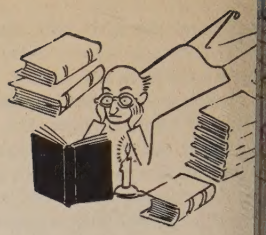

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